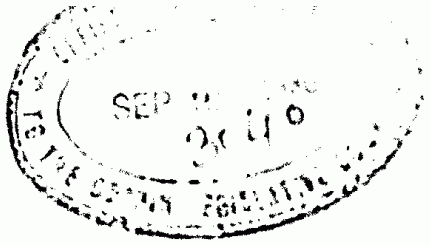

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, *the* *30th of April 1930.* / *18th of Medam 1105.*

The House met at Halfpast Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. S. S. Koder, K. T. Mathew and K. Mohamed Seethi were absent.

(As, at any rate, the supplementary grants and the Census Bill had to be gone through, the Diwan allotted the time from 11—30 a. m. to 3—30 p. m. today for Government business.

Questions and Answers.

Pupils in Primary Schools.

365. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(1) the total number of pupils in each of the various classes of the Primary Schools of the State including the Primary Department of Secondary Schools in each of the last 4 educational years;

(2) the total number of pupils of the 4th class that sat for annual examination in each of these 4 years;

(3) the number of pupils who passed in them?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—

	Year.	Cl. 4.	Cl. 3.	Cl. 2.	Cl. 1.	Pre. Cl.
(1)	1100—1101	9,618	13,824	18,290	26,471	170
	1101—1102	10,489	14,305	19,434	30,766	206
	1102—1103	11,227	15,243	21,161	34,171	202
	1103—1104	11,699	16,388	23,705	38,272	237
(2)	1100—1101	8,158				
	1101—1102	8,993				
	1102—1103	9,409				
	1103—1104	9,759				
(3)	1100—1101	5,564				
	1101—1102	5,867				
	1102—1103	6,322				
	1103—1104	6,350				

Tour of the Diwan and Chief Engineer to Poringalkuttu and Adirappilli.

366. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the object of the recent tour of the Diwan and the Chief Engineer to Poringalkuttu and Adirappilli;

(b) how much money was spent for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) For the purpose of inspecting the water-falls in connection with the Hydro-Electric Development.

(b) Rs. 1,340—7—2.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there not a complete and perfect report, once revised by a Mysore Engineer, Mr. Fox, and again revised by Tata's Chief Engineer, in the possession of the Government regarding this ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is no complete report. There is only a preliminary report.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not that report revised by these Engineers ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not revised. They submitted independent reports.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—After the recent visit, was there any necessity to change any letter of the previous report ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are making a detailed investigation of the project. Certain modifications are suggested, and we are investigating on those lines.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was anything done after the visit ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A Special Officer was appointed, and he is now taking surveys and gauging the stream at Poringalkuttu.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who is that Special Officer ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Mr. K. V. Menon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will a copy of the previous report be published ? Has the Government any objection to publish the reports of the Mysore Engineer and the Tata Engineer ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We will consider the matter and give a reply.

President.—Two other things are going to be done. There is that exploitation of the forest area through which the Tramway from Karapparamukku to Poringalkuttu is to pass.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was thought that the extension of the Forest—Tram from Karapparamukku to Poringalkuttu was necessary before the Hydro-Electric scheme was taken up. Otherwise it will be difficult to carry heavy machinery for the construction along the lines.

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President.—The alignment of the Tramway line was once fixed. We have revised the alignment, and survey is being conducted.

Motor Boat Service between Karuppadanna and Cranganur.

367. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—കരുപ്പടന്നയും കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരും തമ്മിൽ ബോട്ട് സ്വീസ് വഴി ബന്ധിക്കുവാനുണ്ടായ ആലോചന എങ്ങിനെയിരിക്കുന്നുവെന്നും ഫ്രഞ്ച്-ലെ കടത്തുകാർ (ഫെറി കൺട്രാക്ടർ) ബോട്ട് സ്വീസ് നടത്തുന്നതിനു് എല്പിക്കാതിരിപ്പാൻ കാരണമെന്തെന്നും പറയുവാൻ മയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—മോട്ടോർ ബോട്ട് സ്വീസ് നടത്തേണ്ട സൌകര്യത്തിനുവേണ്ടി കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂർ നിന്നും കരുപ്പടന്ന വരെയുള്ള ചാൽ താഴ്ത്തി കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്; ഫ്രഞ്ചുകാരുമായുണ്ടാക്കിയ മുതൽ സ്വീസ് നടത്തുവാൻ ഗവർമെണ്ടിൽ പരസ്യപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതാണു്.

Forest exclusions.

368. Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the extent of forest exclusions remaining to be sold in each Taluk of the State with special reference to the respective survey numbers, the name and description of plots and the villages in which they are included;

(b) whether there is anything remaining to be done in respect of these properties by the Forest Department;

(c) whether the Forest Department has handed over charge of these areas to the Revenue Department;

(d) the number of petitions received for the purchase of these areas with special reference to the names of petitioners and the dates of their petitions;

(e) whether the Revenue Department has taken measures to conduct the same of the said areas;

(f) if not, what is the cause of delay;

(g) whether the Government's policy is to assign these areas to owners holding adjacent lands or whether the Government intend holding public auction?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) A statement containing information on the points is placed on the Council Table. To describe each and every plot with reference to its survey number, name and other particulars is a laborious task, and no useful public purpose will be served by giving such a description.

(b) Forest growths on some of the areas remain to be removed by the Forest Department.

(c) Some of the areas from which trees have been removed by the Forest Department have been taken charge of by the Revenue Department.

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